

Jesuits Owe Special Loyalty to Pontiff

Following is excerpted from an address given by Pope John Paul II to a group of leaders in the Society of Jesus, meeting in special convocation last month.

By virtue of the apostolic and missionary vocation which is yours, the members of the select corps which was formed by the will of St. Ignatius and of the Church, find themselves, according to the words that Paul VI addressed to you, "at the head of that profound renewal which the Church is facing in this secularized world, especially after the Second Vatican Council. Your society is, we say, the test of the vitality of the Church throughout the centuries; it is perhaps one of the most meaningful crucibles in which are encountered the difficulties, the temptations, the efforts, the perpetuity and the successes of the whole Church."



Now then! As my venerated predecessor already told you, the Church expects today that the society contribute effectively to the fulfillment of the Second Vatican Council as, in the line of St. Ignatius and well afterward, it deployed all its efforts to make known and apply the Council of Trent, and to aid in a remarkable manner the Roman pontiffs in the exercise of their supreme magisterium.

Permit me to insist once again and solemnly on the exact interpretation of the recent council. It concerned and always concerns a work of ecclesial renewal at the guidance of the Holy Spirit. On this essential point the conciliar documents are of unparalleled clarity. And this renewal of fidelity and fervor in all the fields of the Church's mission — matured and expressed in collegial attentiveness to the Spirit of Pentecost — must be equally accepted and seen to be maintained according to the same Spirit and not according to personal criteria or psycho-sociological theories.

It is in order to accomplish that work better within the people of God that the contemplatives and the religious who practice the apostolic way are called by the same council to a renewal of their evangelical existence. The decree, "Perfectae Caritatis," expressed with clarity and fervor the criteria for renewal. In being faithful to them there is no longer room for deviations certainly harmful to the vitality of the communities and of the entire Church.

It appears to me that the Society of Jesus, ever more filled with the spirit of true renewal, will be in a position to fully play its role today as in the past and always: to aid the pope and the apostolic college to make the entire Church advance along the great routes traced by the council and to convince those who are unfortunately tempted by the courses of either progressivism or integralism to return with humility and joy to unambiguous communion with their pastors and their brothers, who suffer for their attitudes and their absence.

The fourth vow of the society was included by St. Ignatius precisely as the living and vital expression of the awareness that the mission of Christ is extended in time and space through those who, called by him to follow him and to share his labors, make his sentiments

their own and live in intimate union with him and, for that reason, with his vicar on earth.

That is why St. Ignatius and his first companions wanting to participate in the mission of Christ which continues in the Church, decided to place themselves unconditionally at the disposition of the vicar of Christ and to bind themselves to him through "a special vow: since this union with the successor of Peter, which is the principal nucleus of the society, has always given the assurance — indeed it is the visible sign — of your communion with Christ, the first and supreme head of the society which pre excellence is his — the Society of Jesus," as Paul VI said.

Because of that distinctive and characteristic note of your order, the Church expects therefore and above all that you adapt the different forms of traditional apostolate which still retain today their value, working to renew the spiritual life of the faith, the education of youth, the formation of clergy and men and women religious, missionary activity. This involves catechesis, proclamation of the word of God, diffusion of the doctrine of Christ, Christian penetration of the field of culture in a world which seeks to establish a division and an opposition between science and faith, pastoral activity for the poor, the oppressed, the alienated, the exercise of priestly ministry in all its authentic expressions without forgetting the new means of apostolate that modern society makes available, such as the press and the media, whose usage the society has already worked to perfect in the recent period.

There is yet another point to which I wish to direct your attention. In these times one feels with an ever

greater urgency the necessity to promote justice in the evangelizing action of the Church. If one takes into account the true demands of the Gospel and at the same time the influence which social conditions exercise on the practice of Christian life, one understands easily why the Church considers the promotion of justice as an integral part of evangelization. In that field, not everyone has the same function, and as it concerns the members of the society, it must not be forgotten that the necessary concern for justice must be exercised in conformity with you vocations as religious and as priests.

As I said in Rio de Janeiro, priestly service "if it is to remain true to itself, is an excellent and essentially spiritual service. This should be emphasized today against the manifold tendencies to secularize priestly service, to reduce it to a merely philanthropic function. The priest's service is not that of a doctor, of a social worker, of a politician or of a trade unionist. A priest might give such services in certain cases, but only in a supplementary way. But today, they are provided adequately by other members of society; ours is being ever more clearly specified as a spiritual service. The priest has his essential function to perform in the field of souls, of their relations with God, and their interior relations with their fellows. It is there that he has to accomplish his assistance to mankind in our time. He will do so through works of charity and in defense of justice. Yet, as I said, this is after all a secondary service. It should never be allowed to cause sight to be lost of the main service, which is that of aiding souls to discover the Father, to open up to him and to love him above all."

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Nazareth Academy Launches Drive

For the first time in its history, Nazareth Academy's Alumnae Association is holding a fund-raising drive, the Gold and Blue Campaign, to help the Lake Avenue school meet current operating expenses and to begin several projects which will continue the level of the school's academic program. Sister Annunciata McCabe, former principal and also an alumna, is the honorary chairperson of the drive.

In her letter to graduates, Sister Annunciata reminded them of the excellent training which Nazareth provided for their careers in the working world and as wives and mothers.

"For the first time in the history of the school," she wrote, "we are asked to respond in a spirit of gratitude

by giving to our Alma Mater."

Alumnae Board chairperson, Donna Provenzano Warner, a member of Nazareth's class of '56, is helping to organize the mailing of brochures and cards to the 17,000 alumnae.

"The real task is in locating all these women who have changed their names and addresses over the years," she said.

The Gold and Blue Campaign will take place during April and a report will be given at the annual Alumnae Banquet in May. The campaign's goal is \$10,000.

"I know our graduates will help us to get over penny of it," said Sister Annunciata.

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